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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A system for transferring files to a remote host comprising:
- a local device:
- a remote device;
- a communications network; the local device programmed to perform the steps of:
- A) store a plurality of files on a first mass storage unit;
- B) wait until a preset time window;
- C) connect to the remote device after <u>during</u> the preset time <u>window</u>, the connection made through the communications network; and
 - D) transfer the plurality of files to the remote device via the communications network;
 - the remote device programmed to perform the steps of:
 - E) wait reject communication from the local device until the preset time window;
- F) accept, in response to the communications network not being used and in response to the preset time <u>window</u>, a connection request from the local device via the communications network;
- G) receive the plurality of files in response to a grant of the connection request, the files received through the communications network from the local device;
 - H) store the plurality of files on a second mass storage unit; and
- I) when ordered to by the remote host, transfer the plurality of files from the second mass storage unit to the remote host.
- (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a universal serial bus (USB)
 connector, the USB connector connected to the local device such that the local device can receive files via
 the USB connector.
- 3. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising: a local host, the local host transmitting the plurality of files to the local device.
- 4. (Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising: means for issuing a warning signal in response to both the communications network being used and in response to the preset time <u>window</u>.
- (Original) A system as in claim 4 wherein the warning signal further comprises: an audible sound.
- (Original) A system as in claim 4 wherein the warming signal further comprises: a
 message transmitted to the remote host.

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- 7. (Original) A system as in claim 1 wherein the communications network further comprises: a public switched telephone network.
 - 8. (Previously Canceled).
 - 9. (Previously Canceled).
 - 10. (Previously Canceled).
 - 11. (Previously Canceled).
